LIBRARY REPORT

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ANNUAL REPORT

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To the Citizens of Stoneham:

The annual report of the Trustees of the Public Library is herewith presented:—

The circulation for 1928 increased 4000 over the previous year. This increase places a strain upon the resources of the library unless its appropriation is adequately enlarged.

It has been deemed necessary to employ, temporarily, another full-time trained person who will have particular supervision of the work with children. This is to be tried and if results warrant, it will be made a permanent position for 10 months of the year—that is, throughout the school year.

An oil painting of Lindbergh by Walter Houston of the High School has been presented to the library and hung over the main charging desk.

During the year the following repairs were made on the library building—the outside doors refinished, window frames and sashes painted and ceilings washed and calcimined.

In November Children's Book Week was observed with an attractive exhibition of recent children's books. This yearly display is well worth the attention of the townspeople.

A collection of pictures, mostly historical, has been started for use in the schools and at the library. There has been already some call for them in the schools.

A series of book puzzles have been posted on the bulletin board in the children's room and have created quite a little interest.

The trustees wish to express appreciation of the work accomplished by the librarian and assistants.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHARLES H. CHASE
CORA E. DIKE
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Trustees of the Public Library

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Stoneham Public Library:

I submit the Librarian's report for the year ending December 31, 1928.

The past year has been a busy year in the Public Library having had an increase of 4,340 in circulation over the preceding year. The circulation has nearly doubled during the last eight years and work has increased in all the other departments.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN 1928

There have been 844 new books added to the Public Library in 1928 by purchase or gift. Some of these were: Cooper, Latin America; MacMillan, Etah and Beyond; Stefansson, My Life With the Eskimos; Newbigin, Wayfarer in Spain; Noel, Story of Everest; Sheean, New Persia; Horn, Trader Horn; Garstin, Dragon and the Lotus; Johnson, Safari; Sharp, Better Country; Fosdick, Pilgrimage to Palestine; Barton, What Can a Man Believe; Brown, This Believing World: a simple account of the great religions of mankind; Andrews, On the Trail of Ancient Man; Boulenger, Naturalist at the Zoo; Untermeyer, Modern American poetry; Tanner, Modern Familiar essays; Merrill, Contempory Verse; Hardy, Collected Poems; Sedgwick, Garden, Month by Month; Mathews, Carpentry and Joinery; Perry, Seat Weaving; Smith, Short Stories, Old and New; Phillips, Types of Modern Darmatic Composition; Bok, Perhaps I am; Fisher, Why Stop Learning?; Becker, Adventures in Reading; Thom, Everyday Problems of the Everyday Child; Morrison, Outlawry of War; Mixer, Old Houses of New England; Maurois, Disraeli; Morrow, Mary Todd Lincoln; Starr, Lincoln and the Railroads; Byrd, Skyward; Overton, Women Who Make Our Novels; Ticknor, May Alcott; Tryon, American People and Nation; Van Loon, America; Stephenson, History of American Immigration; Siegried, America Comes of Age.

Among the books added for reference are: Halle, Which College, Hazeltine, Anniversaries and Holidays; Rice, Mother's Day; Sanford, Armistice Day; Schauffler, Christmas; Wells, Outline of History, revised, illustrated edition; Warner, World's Best Literature, consisting of forty-six volumes.

GIFTS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Gifts of books, magazines, pictures and flowers have been received at the Public Library during the past year. These gifts have been much appreciated. Gifts were received from the following persons: Stoneham Grange Society, Woman Alliance of the Unitarian Church, Mrs. Clara A. Bessey, Mrs. Helen Biscoe, Miss Annie Brown, Miss Bernardine Cogan, Mrs. Margaret W. Emerson, Mrs. H. A. Hill, Miss Theresa Hitchler, Miss Marion Howell, Walter L. Houston, Mr. John Richardson, Mrs. J. H. Scherer, Jane and Harold Currier.

MAGAZINES

List of Magazines Received at the Public Library

These magazines may be issued for home use:

American Boy; American City; American Girl; American Magazine; American Printer; Antiques; Asia; Atlantic Monthly; Bookman; Boy's Life; Century; Child Life; *Christian Register; *Christian Science Journal; *Christian Science Sentinel; Delineator; Etude; Field and Stream; Good Housekeeping; *Grange Magazine; Harper's Magazine; House Beautiful; House and Garden; Illustrated London News; Independent; Ladies Home Journal; Library Journal; Literary Digest; Motor; National Geographic Magazine *Nature Magazine; New Republic; North American Review; Open Road; *Our Dumb Animals; Outlook; Pictorial Review; St. Nicholas; Saturday Evening Post; *Sat. Review of Literature; Science and Invention; Scientific American; Scientific Monthly; Scribner's Magazine; Survey; System; Woman's Home Companion; World's Work; Youth's Companion.—*Gift.

Staff

Martha A. Jackson, Librarian; Mildred Howell, Assistant Librarian; Eleanor Parks, Helen Packard, Arline Parks, Dorothy Green, and Margery Markham, High School Assistants.

Circulation

Total Circulation for 1928		53,528
Adult fiction	25,967	
Adult non-fiction	4,396	
Juvenile fiction	18,564	
Juvenile non-fiction	2,443	
Magazines	1,977	
Foreign Books	181	
Total	53,521	53.528

Statistics

Total registration for 1928	2,464
New registration in 1928	577
Total volumes in library (estimated)	15,169
Volumes added by purchase	804
Volumes added by gift	40
Volumes added by binding	4
Magazines added by gift	1
Average number of books circulated per day	177
Number of days library was open	302

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. JACKSON,

Librarian.